

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Abstract for reciting certain terms. In response, applicant has amended the Abstract in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion and therefore requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this ground of objection.

The Examiner objected to the Specification and required that a sentence indicating that status of this national stage application be added. In response, applicant has amended the specification to include such a sentence and therefore requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this ground of objection.


The Examiner objected to the Drawing and required a replacement drawing sheet. In response, applicant submits herewith a replacement sheet for Figure 1 amended to address the Examiner's concerns. Accordingly, applicant respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this ground of objection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. In response, applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 4, and 5 to address the Examiner's concerns. Claim 2 has been canceled. Accordingly, applicant respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this ground of rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over DE 303987 or Peter et al., U.S. 4,528,635 in view of Abaev et al., U.S. 6,581,443. The Examiner also indicated that claims 2 and 3 are objected to as dependent on a rejected claim but would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2, canceled claim 2 and rewritten claim 3 as an independent claim. Accordingly, applicant maintain that claims 1 and 3-5 are allowable and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this ground of rejection.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims herein are respectfully requested.

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